

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes:	Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	January 21, 2003
Place of Meeting:	Committee Meeting Room (City Hall)

**I. CALL TO ORDER
& PLEDGE**

Chairperson Burns called the meeting to order at 1:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Jim Burns, Mary Banick, Bal Daquigan, Carlos Fabregas, Steve Lu, Bakshish Sandhu, Albert Wang, Denny Weisgerber, Joanne Wood

Commissioners Absent: None

Alternates Present: Frances Woodworth,
Alternates Absent: Amanda Santos

Council Liaison: Councilmember Althea Polanski

Staff Present: Kathleen Yurchak, Senior Center Supervisor

II. MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2002, Commission meeting as presented.

M/S: Weisgerber/Lu
Ayes: Unanimous

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Senior Center Supervisor, Yurchak, read through the Financial Report.

MOTION to approve the Financial Report of November 30, 2002, as submitted.

M/S: Weisgerber/Wood
Ayes: Unanimous

IV. CITIZENS FORUM

Mr. Arthur Swanson, commented on the beautiful flooring of the new City Hall and said maybe it should be imitated (in the new Sr. Center).

Francis Woodworth reminded everyone that there are still tickets to *The Sound of Music* production and the tickets are \$56.00.

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V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Senior Center Supervisor, Yurchak reported that as of February 3, she will be transitioning to the Community Center as Supervisor of that facility. She will split her time between the Senior Center and the Community Center. She will be highly involved with the Senior Center, will continue as Liaison to the Senior Advisory Commission and involved with the new Senior Center, subcommittee, and the temporary facility. She will still be accessible by phone. There will be new programming staff at the Senior Center to help out with the programs, classes, trips and some of the up and coming programs which will be offered at the Senior Center. The job announcement for her position as Senior Center Supervisor has been posted and will remain open until filled.

Supervisor Yurchak congratulated Commissioners Daquigan, Fabregas and Sandhu on their reappointment to this Commission and Francis Woodworth on her reappointment as Alternate.

Supervisor Yurchak read the announcements as noted on page 1 of the Agenda.

Chief Lawson reported on problems being experienced at Dave & Busters after football games. He reported that the PAL banquets were held the last two weeks. Cindy Spaulding, has been named Officer of the Year, based on her accomplishments last year and is the first female officer to be recognized.

VI. AGENDA

MOTION to adopt the Agenda for January 21, 2003, Commission meeting, as submitted.

M/S: Weisgerber, Wood

Ayes: Unanimous

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Senior Issues Project Update

Supervisor Yurchak reported that there was no City Council Subcommittee report because they did not meet in January. They will however be meeting on January 28. An update will be provided in February. The Subcommittee is continuing its efforts in finding a temporary location and is working on the new design for the new facility.

Frances Woodworth reminded Chairperson Burns of the request made at the last meeting, for one senior to be a representative on the subcommittee. Councilmember Polanski stated she would check with Council regarding that request.

2. Senior Advisory Commission Project Updates

Housing/Senior Center Task Force report was given by the facilitator Frances Woodworth. She reported the task force chose three items all a priority #1, planning for senior housing options; research public/private incentives and partnerships; and a permanent City Council housing needs advisory Committee. She reported that Sura Weiner went to the planning committee and got the following current figures for available units at Terrace Gardens: 150; Sunnyhills, 171, The Crossings, 450 apartments, 94 are low-income; Montague, 153 low-income and 153 medium, Park West, 39 low and 33 medium; Summerfield 22 low-income for sale, Parc Metro, 10 low-income condos and 18 medium condos.

Chairperson Burns reported the task force will be setting up a meeting with Felix Reliford of the Housing Division to go over statistics he has available, what he feels are the needs and going over some of the items on the charts.

Denny Weisgerber, facilitator of the Transportation Task Force, stated that their priority 1 is to work with City Council to get an advisory committee on transportation. He reported on a meeting held January 6, to discuss matters of decrease in funds VTA may be facing. They are researching the possibility of a volunteer shuttle service to be run by seniors, but will take some investigation because of insurance, administrative processes, etc. but there are no answers there yet. Also, the team is working on the possibility of partnering with the taxi services to provide discounted rates for seniors. He will attend the Transportation Subcommittee meetings as necessary. He and staff are working together with VTA on obtaining a temporary bus stop in front of the Sal Cracolice building, to see if the bus can make a loop around the block at Curtis and come around to the building instead of having people walk $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to get to the bus. The task force is still working on determining the whole transportation needs for the Milpitas seniors.

Mary Banick, facilitator of the Senior Services and Programs Task Force, asked Councilmember Polanski of the architects findings and if they have yet reported to City Council if to what has transpired and what they have come up with so far. Councilmember Polanski stated no, and she believes they are waiting for the Subcommittee to meet and will be bringing back information to the Council after their meeting.

Commissioner Lu stated that he heard of the three options for the interim location for the Senior Center; 1) Expand current temporary Senior Center site at the youth center, with modules around the building. The task force feels the location is very inconvenient for the seniors to get there.

The second option is to have modules set on the 2 vacant lots across from the old Senior Center. The drawback is that when construction of the new Senior Center starts a lot of traffic and construction equipment might interfere with the Senior Center activities. Additionally, the vacant lot does not have sewer lines, water lines and power lines, and a surface for the parking lot would have to be done. All of these would cost money and time.

The third option is to lease a ready-made, ready built building close to the bus terminal, south of the *Milpitas Post* building. The task force went to the site and believes the environment is perfect, with 14,000 sq. feet (50 cents per sq. foot) and with lots of parking space. They would like to recommend this third option to the Subcommittee that this would be ideal for the temporary location.

Supervisor Yurchak clarified that the third option is to look within the City of Milpitas for a vacant facility; not necessarily the building Commissioner Lu recommended, but they are looking at all vacant facilities which could meet all the requirements, such as accessible transportation, a kitchen, and where the rooms could be divided by partitions to accommodate the various activities.

Chairperson Burns expressed his opinion that no matter which location is chosen, he believes a modular kitchen should be a must rather than get involved in any rehabilitation of a kitchen. Also, that the area is large enough to begin an aggressive recruitment of more seniors. The membership of the senior center is out of balance as there are close to 10,000 seniors in Milpitas.

Note, Receipt, and File

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Allocation of Senior Advisory Funds to Purchase Birthday Gifts

Chairperson Burns pointed out the six different items that are currently provided for senior birthdays. He provided the Commission some calculations which could amount to \$60/month which equals \$720 per year. There was lengthy discussion on this issue.

MOTION to continue with the current provisions.

M/S: Weisgerber, Daquigan

Councilmember Lu suggested \$30 per month for the allocation of gifts.

Supervisor Yurchak reported that if it is felt an additional Birthday gift should be given, the Senior Center does have pens, etc. that could be given.

Ayes: 8

Noe: 1 (Lu)

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF REPORTS

1.1 Recreation Services

Supervisor Yurchak read through the report on page 1 of the agenda.

She also reported that on February 6, there is a Chinese New Year celebration co-sponsored with the Chinese Evergreen Club.

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

Roseann Costabile read through the report on page 2 of the agenda.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 City Council

Councilmember Althea Polanski reported that the City Council put forth the ordinance to ban smoking within 25 feet of any City building. The first reading is tonight and if approved, will go into effect within 30 days. The Council also approved how one uses the audiovisual equipment in the Chambers allowing for speakers to bring in their own equipment or utilize the Cities high tech equipment. The Council is also looking at ways to have the City Clerk's office and papers more accessible on the third floor. On a 5-0 vote, the Council directed staff to look into how to open up access to the third floor a little more freely for the public while also meeting the security needs of the third floor staff.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Committee

Frances Woodworth reported on the COA meeting of January 6. Connie Corrales, a Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (Hicap) counselor reported on their 2001-2002 Budget. Seniors were cautioned about changing HMOs this year, as seniors will be paying more out of pocket expenses. COA provided copies of the new 2003 Consumer Guides on HMOs.

2.3 AARP

Joanne Wood reported that the December 16th meeting was held at Pioneer Mobile Home Park, 60 Wilson Way, off Milpitas Blvd. just past Dixon Landing Blvd. The Park has full facilities and which is where the AARP future meetings will be held. Installation of

officers was held: President, Ed Connor, Vice President, Joanne Wood, Treasurer, Marilyn Hay and Secretary Andrea Dorey.

2.4 Nutrition Site Council

Joyce Dovlet presented a Financial Report. There was no meeting held in December.

2.5 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Comm.

No report.

2.6 Arts Commission

No report.

XI. Adjournment

Chairperson Burns thanked all the members of the Senior Center Feasibility Subcommittee for their hard work for the 18 months they worked getting a report for City Council and another year in working to get the report on the Council Agenda.

The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2003, at the City Hall Committee Conference Room.

There being no further business, Chairperson Burns adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm to the Community Center for the recognition of the Senior Center Feasibility Subcommittee.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Lindeman
Commission Secretary ProTem